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Muslims protest Hollywood stereotypes

By JoAnn Peach
Staff Writer

When the movie "The Siege" opened Friday, it may have also opened up a can of worms dealing with stereotypes of Muslims all around the world.

Abdul Malik, a representative from a mosque in Oakland, spoke to approximately 60 students and faculty at 1:30 p.m. Monday in the Student Union Amphitheater.

Malik's speech addressed the subject of terrorism, the first in a five-part series of events held by the Muslim Student Association at San Jose State University. The series is part of Islamic Awareness Week, which is celebrated by colleges and universities nationwide, according to the association's president, Osama Khayyatt.

"Islam is the most misunderstood religion," said Khayyatt. "The events the association is presenting is the truth from our side, without the middleman."

Malik started his speech by referring to "The Siege," saying that it promoted the stereotype and fear that all Muslims are terrorists.

"This movie is Zionist propaganda," Malik said. "The FBI, who make statements that are meant to directly harass Muslims, are seen as good guys. This is real Hollywood."

Malik went on to address the significance of Denzel Washington being cast as a leading character. Malik said he believes Washington, who is African-American, was cast to "send a message to our African-American brothers and sisters" and create doubt in the support of the Muslim religion from the African-American community.

There are a number of African-Americans who have converted or have been raised in the Muslim religion, according to Malik.

Malik said there has been an increase of support for Muslims from the African-American community, seen in the increase of African-Americans "coming back to Allah." With an African-American leading the chase to find Muslim terrorists in the movie, it "makes Muslims look like crazy, bloodthirsty fanatics," and therefore provides a negative slant of Muslims, he said.

Malik talked about what he

Malik said. "A 'bad' one asserts themselves and speaks out against wrongdoing."

Malik urged the audience to be active and "only bow down to Allah," not the government.

"We represent peace and freedom of the world," Malik said, referring to the Muslim way of keeping peace first.

"The U.S. government is not the paragon of justice it pretends to be," Malik said. "We are scapegoats."

Terrorist activity worldwide is blamed on the Muslims, according to Malik.

"What's going on is a witch hunt," he said.

Not everyone agreed with what Malik said. While he spoke about Palestinians being oppressed by the American government, graduate student Cole Buxbaum shouted "Prove it!" from the side of the amphitheater.

"What he is saying are outright lies," Buxbaum said. "He is a passionate speaker. That's not a question. It is a question of truth and where he is getting his information from."

Buxbaum agreed with Malik that "The Siege" promotes the Middle Eastern terrorist stereotype. Buxbaum said the U.S. government has been so tolerant of the events in the Middle East.

Malik also addressed several incidents around the world that were blamed on Middle Eastern terrorists, including the bombing of the World Trade Center in New York and the bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City.

According to Malik, a particular picture from the Oklahoma City bombing "portrayed Muslims as baby killers." The picture got to the heart of the

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secretary
SJSU Muslim Student Association

believed to be the injustices of the American government and how it oppresses the Muslim community.

"They are trying to give you and me a profile of terrorists," Malik said. "Anyone who stands up to them and their unjust policies, those who assert themselves, is a threat to the status quo."

Malik said those who continue to agree with all the stereotypes the media provides, keep Muslims as the underdog.

"A 'good' Muslim will end up trying to please the oppressor,"

world's population by showing how the bombing had killed not only adults, but children as well, he said.

"The picture of the fireman holding a bloody dead baby in his arms put Muslims' children on the front line," Malik said. "People think we killed their children, and now they may just go after ours."

Malik stressed the unity of all Muslims around the world, including those in Albania and Bosnia.

"Those are white people. They are Muslims. They are our brothers and sisters," Malik said.

The speech was intended to

provide more information on Muslims and to break down stereotypes, according to the association's secretary, Hanan Gibani.

"We become scapegoats because of Hollywood's presentation of us," Gibani said. "Women are especially targeted since we are easily seen because of our dress."

Muslim women, in addition to covering their hair with cloth, may choose to wear loose clothing. This lets them be seen "as a person and not just a sexual object," Gibani said.

Gibani, who chooses to wear traditional hair cover as a "form

of decency and modesty," said that because men do not have to adhere to a particular dress code, they are not associated with the Muslim religion based on first sight.

"When a nun passes, she is seen with respect and admiration," Gibani said. "When people look at us, we are looked down upon. We are more liberated by dressing the way we do because we are not seen as sexual objects."

The association will hold a second event at 12:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Guadalupe Room in the Student Union, which will focus on "Spain Under Islam."



Chris Prevolos/Spartan Daily

Abdul Malik speaks to students in the Student Union Amphitheater Monday. The event was sponsored by the Muslim Student Association of San Jose State University as part of Islamic Awareness Week. Malik spoke about terrorism and the treatment of Muslims worldwide.



Clayton Stalter/Spartan Daily

Ishmael Chandler (left) and Charles Barnett (right) found the bubbles coming from the fountain across from Tower Hall to be more fun than nuisance as they played in the white foam Sunday afternoon.

Fountain caper calls for suds busters

By Ginny White
Staff Writer

Soapy white bubbles flowed freely from the fountain across from Tower Hall Sunday morning.

"Some prankster apparently dumped soap into the fountain over the weekend," said Fran Lehto, work control coordinator at Facilities Development and

Operations.

"This seems to happen around finals or any time someone wants to cause a disruption."

Custodian Keith Neeley reported the sudsy mess early Monday to facilities and the foam's water supply was cut off to impede its growth.

"We'll have to keep the water off to clean up (the mess),"

Lehto said. "We'll have to flush out the system and get fresh water."

Robert Alexander, manager of the custodians, was unavailable for comment.

Lehto said the soap will not damage the pipes coming in or going out of the fountain.

No reports of the incident have been filed with the University Police Department,

nor has anyone come forward with information, according to a UPD representative who did not wish to be named.

"It looked like snow," said Lavonne Simpson, events coordinator for the College of Humanities and the Arts, adding that students should take pride in the campus.

"How immature" was my first thought."

Brain pain research gives sufferers hope

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Once the body is sensitized to pain, even the tiniest and most innocuous touch — a light brush on the skin or the cool breeze of an air-conditioned room — can cause a terribly painful sensation, new findings show.

Discoveries about pain and its routes through the brain and nervous system give hope that new methods can ease the suffering of chronic pain, researchers at the annual meeting of the Society for Neuroscience said Monday.

"The brain can be confused into thinking something is painful," said Lorne Mendell of the State University of New York at Stony Brook.

If that can be understood, "one can try to devise therapeutic methods to basically damp down chronic pain," Mendell said.

Low-dose anti-depressants have been found effective among some sufferers of chronic pain syndromes.

But there's also great interest in harnessing the body's own natural painkillers.

The researchers agreed that dummy pills that yield relief in some patients somehow activate the body's pain-modulating systems.

"It's real. It's not imagined. It's a perfectly valid type of analgesia," said Catherine Bushnell of McGill University in Canada.

"I don't think we're ever going to find the magic bullet that works for all types of pain," said Ronald Dubner of the University of Maryland.

He suggested there may be a need for medications that can

work at the site of the injury, others that work on the central nervous system and still others already in the body.

Bushnell said that once the central nervous system has been damaged by a stroke or a disease like multiple sclerosis, a person can experience ongoing pain so severe that even lightly brushing the skin or walking into an air-conditioned room causes a terrible burning sensation.

In brain imaging studies in which patients place hands in painfully hot water, she has seen a "signature" of pain in four parts of the brain's outer layer, called the cerebral cortex.

She and fellow researchers were able to increase or decrease the activity in some of those regions through hypnosis or distraction techniques, which teach the nervous system to reinterpret the sensation, she said.

Dubner is studying the brain stem and its role in controlling aspects of chronic pain.

Some pain sends a barrage of impulses into the central nervous system and, over time, can alter the receptors on the surface of nerve cells.

The receptors become sensitive to the signals and can produce exaggerated pain sensations.

"It appears that with chronic pain, weak signals from an old site of injury are sufficient to maintain this effect," he said.

Dubner and colleagues found that some areas of the brain stem dampen the pain while others increase it.

U.S. aid for victims of Hurricane Mitch too little too late



Sunday night, as I kissed my parents goodbye before going home, there was a girl in Honduras who had no parents to hold her close.

As I lay sleeping in my bed, there was a boy in Nicaragua who was awake and without a home.

Monday morning, as I sat eating breakfast, there was a man in Guatemala who was tired and hungry.

As I put on my jacket before leaving home, there was a woman in El Salvador who was frightened and cold.

Almost as sad as the devastation in Central America caused by Hurricane Mitch, which hit in late October, is the lack of aid from the United States to this region in need.

On Sunday, former President George Bush toured ravaged parts of Honduras. This came about a week after Honduran President Carlos Flores said that while a number of nations had promptly provided his country with substantial assistance, the United States had not been as swift or forthcoming as he would have liked, according to the Washington Post Foreign Service.

Apparently, Flores may have sparked some interest — he received a call Saturday from President Clinton, who wanted to reassure Hondurans of his concern in terms of getting relief in this emergency.

This was nothing more than a quick call to repair the United States' image. The U.S. government appears to have enough money to investigate each detail of President Clinton's sexual liaisons, but not enough to aid the storm-ravaged countries to our south in a timely manner.

What else is new?

It's obvious the United States has more important things to tend to at this point in time, right? Central America's problems don't affect us, so why should we care, right?

Wrong. Some 11,000 people were killed by the storm, according to the Reuters news service, but most important now are the survivors, who must be rescued.

Hurricane Mitch, which tore through Central America last week, not only destroyed homes, crops and economies, it consumed lives, it shattered dreams and it left behind broken spirits.

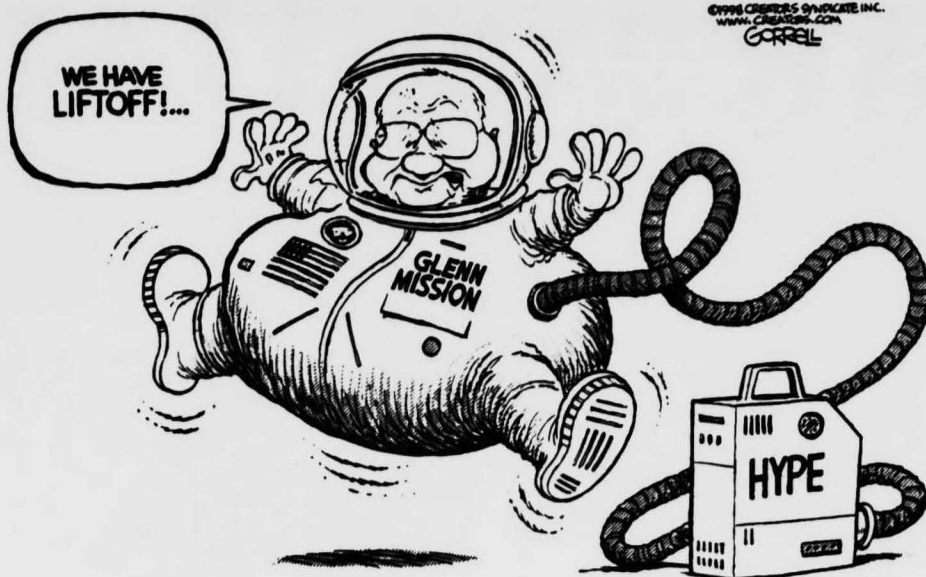
The United States needs to step up and help, and it needs to do it soon. Already, the British, French and Mexican governments have aided this region, but even that is still not enough.

There are thousands of people stranded and cut off from the rest of the world, and they need help. One survivor spoke of being cut off and living like rats, according to the Washington Post Foreign Service.

Although the United States has slowly put forth a helping hand, there is no excuse for its delay in action.

Let's hope a destructive force of nature won't someday whip through our land, leaving us to plead for help. It may just fall on deaf ears.

Yvette Anna Trejo is the Spartan Daily features editor. Her column appears every Tuesday.



Medicinal marijuana wins at ballot boxes

Something almost revolutionary happened Nov. 3. Sure, the Democrats gained several seats in the House of Representatives and held steady in the Senate, both historical occurrences in a mid-term election.

Yes, the first third party candidate in an extremely long time was elected governor of Minnesota. A professional wrestler, no less.

But those things aren't all that revolutionary.

No, something more amazing happened that could have a far more profound long-term effect on the legal fabric of the United States.

Five states passed legislation dealing with the legalization of medicinal marijuana.

Washington, Oregon, Alaska and Nevada all passed this legislation for the first time. Arizona passed it for the second time.

Colorado and the District of Columbia Washington, D.C. also voted on similar legislation, but Colorado refused to count the results and Washington, D.C. refused to release them.

Colorado's secretary of state, Vikki Buckley, claimed the initiative backers did not have enough valid signatures to put it on the ballot. This begs the question, "How did it get there?" Backers will test her ruling in court.

In Washington, D.C., the American Civil Liberties Union will attempt to have the results released under the Freedom of Information Act.

That makes eight political entities which have voted on legalizing the medicinal use of marijuana. (In case you forgot, 56 percent of Californians passed similar legislation in 1996.) The only western states to not pass medicinal marijuana legislation are conservative strongholds Utah and Idaho.

These elections have sent a very clear message to the federal government: The war on drugs, or at least marijuana, should end.

In spite of Americans' growing acceptance of marijuana, the federal government has become more strict. The House of Representatives recently passed legislation that would make getting financial aid impossible for anyone with a marijuana conviction.



Jeremiah Oshan
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So, if a student is caught smoking marijuana in his/her dorm, then it is possible that student would lose financial aid. It would not matter if that student had straight A's, only that they smoked dope.

After Arizona's legislature gutted the original proposition, Arizonans voted to have the original wording put back in.

Oregon voted to make carrying marijuana a finable offense, rather than a criminal one, by a 2-to-1 margin. Last year, Oregon's legislature had made carrying marijuana punishable by jail time. The new legislation reinstitutes a law that had been on the books since 1971.

All of these propositions, especially those in Arizona and Oregon, are in direct defiance of government. Still, politicians seem to want to dismiss these votes as a passing fad.

It has been a well-known fact that there are numerous valid uses for marijuana, such as treatment for cancer and AIDS patients, and now those facts are understood by these voters. The only people who don't seem to understand this are the ones running our country.

They have stuck to beliefs born from such propaganda films as "Reefer Madness," which tell of marijuana's debilitating effects. "Reefer Madness" was a film from the early 1960s which warned students that marijuana would drive them insane.

I do not hide my belief that all drugs should be decriminalized. While I understand many Americans do not share that radical of an opinion, they do seem to understand that certain drugs are not as bad as they have been made out to be.

It is time for the federal government to give up this insanely costly and ineffective war on drugs.

At the very least, it should allow states such as California, Alaska, Washington, Oregon, Nevada and Arizona to treat marijuana however they choose.

The people have spoken, and their voices should be sending shivers up the government's spine.

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Jefferson's hanky-panky not worthy of DNA research

You've got to be kidding me. Genetic specialists at Oxford University have been spending a long time looking at DNA.

Not for a cure for genetic disorders, but to answer the question of whether Thomas Jefferson (yes, that U.S. president elected in 1800) had an affair and children with Sally Hemings, a slave on his estate and his wife's racially-mixed half-sister.

Jefferson's affair has been speculated on by historians and has even been the subject of a movie. According to a Washington Post article, the pathologist who coordinated the research traveled around the country and collected blood samples from 19 men who were related to either Jefferson or Hemings to answer the question of Jefferson's affair.

I have one more question these specialists need to answer.

Who cares?

There is so much more Oxford University can spend its allocated research money on.

They can spend it on researching a cure for AIDS.

They can spend it on researching a cure for muscular dystrophy.

Um, how about cancer? Yeah, that would be good.

If Oxford scientists are so bent on spending countless dollars and hours researching some really insignificant information, why shroud it in some kind of pseudo-scientific angle? Why not research my friend Becki's eternal question, "Why are there so many single shoes on the freeway?"

Now that's some quality insignificance, folks.

If scientists need to scratch that itch about the past, why not focus on finding out how the dinosaurs died? Hey, if whatever happened that killed those big suckers can happen again, then let's find out so we can prevent it from killing, um, us?

The people of the world are waiting, and waiting and waiting for new advances in medicine and genealogy and they get, "Yup, old Tommy J. had an affair hundreds of years ago."

The fascination with the love/sex lives of American presidents is amazing.

The lack of concentration on a search for a cure for some of the most deadly diseases is appalling.

So we now know that Jefferson had an "improper relationship" with Sally.

Will we now impeach him posthumously?

Will the U.S. government stage a bombing to distract us?

Will we soon read about uncovering Sally's navy blue dress?

Will we never look at a nickel the same way again?

There is no point in uncovering Jefferson's relationship aside from pure curiosity from historians and those interested in his love/sex life.

The time and effort spent on this trivial piece of information would be best spent on research that affects lives today, not more than a hundred years ago.

JoAnn Peach is a Spartan Daily staff writer.

Decision on 'Naked' photograph based on responsibility to campus

Since running the "Naked Radio" bares all" photograph of two strippers in their underwear while appearing on a KSJS radio show, the Spartan Daily has received several complaints about our decision to run such a picture. "Why would we run such an 'offensive' photograph?" we were asked.

First of all, we report the daily news. We do not create it. This event was not staged or even endorsed by us, nor was it opposed. We just documented its occurrence.

Our primary responsibility is to the students at San Jose State University and, therefore, we report on interesting events on campus first.

"Naked Radio" bares all" was definitely on campus and, we believed, of interest to the students of SJSU. We decided to run the picture because it was not a story that could be told in words alone.

Simply telling students what happened would not have done them justice. If students are upset that such shows are going on at KSJS, then this should serve as a notification.

On the other hand, if students like this kind of thing on their campus radio station, then maybe it will motivate

them to volunteer their time and contribute.

Our decision to run the photo as the dominant element on the front page,

instead of buried somewhere on the inside pages, was born of similar reasoning.

"Naked Radio" bares all" was without a doubt the most unique thing on campus Nov. 3. It is not every day that a campus radio show imitates Howard Stern in such a manner.

If we are guilty of anything, it appears to be our lack of description. Several parties have informed us that we left too much up to the imagination

of the reader in the caption, which described the itinerary of the show. "[Performing sex acts on the hour-long program] was deemed too ambiguous by several people.

We understand objectifying women in such a manner is understandably offensive to many people, both men and women. We also understand our duty as the campus newspaper is to inform our readers of what is going on around campus.

So, when chastising the Spartan Daily for running this kind of photo, remember that we don't make the news, we just report it.

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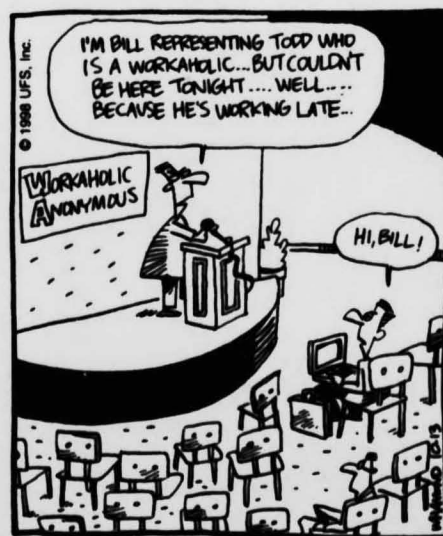
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Sparta Guide

Today

School of Art and Design

Student galleries art exhibits from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. and art receptions from 6 - 8 p.m. in the Art and Industrial Studies buildings. For more information, call Scott or Jenny at 924-4330. Tuesday night lecture series: Therman Statom, glass artist, from 5 - 6 p.m. in the Art Building Room 133. For more information, call Andy at 924-4328.

Chicano Commencement

Meeting at 6 p.m. in the Chicano Resource Center. For more information, call Mike at 631-2699.

Nurses Christian Fellowship

"What are Spiritual Needs?" at 2 p.m. in the Student Union's Montalvo Room. For more information, call Diane Stegmair at 279-6385.

Nutrition and Food Science Club

Measure your percent body fat using bio-chemical impedance from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. in Central Classroom Building Room 103. Prices are \$5 for students, faculty and staff and \$10 for all others. For more information, call Jill Christensen at 924-3110.

Institute of Management Accountants (IMA)

Elections for spring of '99 at 4:30 p.m. in the Student Union's Council Chambers. For more information, call Jasbir Kaur at 553-5253.

Ad Club

Pagliari/Kuhlman Agency Tour from 6 - 8:30 p.m. at 333 W. San Carlos St. Suite 100. To make reservations, call 365-9815. For more information, call Nadine Castillo at 251-1755.

Church of Scientology

Free lecture "Knowing Who to Trust" at 7:30 p.m. at 2155 S. Bascom Ave. in Campbell. For more information, call Lyn at 371-1205.

Management Information Systems (MIS) Club

Club meeting with guest speaker Mike Rose, CIO of Hewlett Packard at 4:30 p.m. in Morris Dailey Auditorium. For more information, call Mike at 557-0994.

SJSU Marketing Association

Last meeting of the semester from 4:30 - 6 p.m. Javier Ortiz from SJSU athletics will discuss the promotion of various sports on campus in the Student Union's Almaden Room. For more information, call Andy at 559-8018.

Library Donations and Sales Unit

Ongoing book sale from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. every Tuesday and Wednesday in Clark Lobby and in Wahlquist Library North Room 408. For more information, call 924-2705.

Career Center

"The Second Interview" at 12:30 p.m. in the Student Union's Umunhum Room. For more information, call 924-6033.

Golden Key National Honor Society

Annual Induction Ceremony at 7 p.m. in the Student Union's Loma Prieta Ballroom. All current and honorary members are invited. For more information, call Andrea at 832-4432.

Political Science Department

Lecture and discussion on the economic meltdown currently occurring in Russia at 4 p.m. in Business Classrooms Room 002. For more information, call Jennifer Rycenga at 924-1367.

Wednesday

Re-Entry Advisory Program (REAP)

Coffee for late afternoon and evening students from 4:30 - 5:45 p.m. in the University Room (old cafeteria). For more information, call Jane Boyd at 924-5950.

M.E.Ch.A.

General body meeting at 2:30 p.m. in the Chicano Resource Center. For more information, call Rosa A. Becerra at (650) 328-1606.

Association of Black Scientists

Guest professor from UC Santa Cruz and Stanford will speak about the entry enrollment process of medical school at 6:30 p.m. in Duncan Hall Room 505. For more information, call Pat at 924-5017.

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Muslim Student Association

Lecture on "Spain Under Islam" from 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. in the Student Union's Guadalupe Room. For more information, call Adil Syed at 223-8363.

Career Center

Resume critique from 12:30 - 2 p.m. in Business Classrooms Room 13. For more information, call 924-6033.

Re-Entry Advisory Program

Brown bag lunch: Healthy Student Lifestyle Nutrition Peer Educators form noon - 1:30 p.m. in the Student Union's Pacheco Room. For more information, call Jane Boyd at 924-5950.

Habitat for Humanity

Chapter meeting at 5 p.m. in Business Classroom Building Room 209, everyone welcome. For more information, call Gina Lorenzo at 924-5950.

Thursday

The Listening Hour

Dr. Alfred Kanwischer will perform Bach-Busoni from 12:30 - 1:15 p.m. in the Music Building's Concert Hall. For more information, call Joan Stubbe at 924-4631.

The Industrial Technology Club

Welding workshop at 11:30 a.m. in the Industrial Studies Building Room 124. Fee is \$5. For more information, call Blaine or Bob at 264-4219.

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Pre-Med Club

Weekly meeting at 1:30 p.m. in Duncan Hall Room 345. For more information, call Pedram Hajarian at 569-5490.

SJSU Tsunami Anime

Weekly meeting with video from 7 - 9:30 p.m. in Washington Square Hall Room 109. For more information, call Ian at 873-2534.

San Jose/Good Samaritan Medical Group and Technology Education Network

The Wellness Series: "Yoga For Health" from 12:15 - 1 p.m. live in Instructional Resource Center Room 302 and broadcast to Health Building Room 308. For more information, call Linda Elvin at 924-2636.

Campus Crusade For Christ

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'Waterboy' follows Sandler's mold

By Cecilia Afzelius-Aim
Staff Writer

REVIEW

Make sure to be in the mood for a movie like "Happy Gilmore" when heading for the theater to see Adam Sandler's latest, "The Waterboy."

The movie is hilarious sometimes a bit dorky, but that is exactly what one needs to be prepared for when going to any of Sandler's movies.

The 86-minute comedy is filled with borderline jokes which are close to lunacy, but they are blended in and seem realistic.

For example, Bobby's mama (Kathy Bates) serves blackened snakes, baby alligators and squirrels when having people over for dinner.

Sandler, in his first movie following the successful romantic comedy "The Wedding Singer," plays the 31-year-old Bobby Boucher, a mama's boy whose only access to the outside world is his job as the waterboy for a Louisiana college football team.

To Bobby, water is the only meaning in life. He has his own little water machine on the field where players can get distilled water, spring water or rain water.

His suggestion box is always filled with obscene letters from the team members saying he sucks.

Bobby's lisp and stutter make the players on the team harass him by spitting in the water.

Bobby gets fired from the first job after the coach doesn't care about Bobby's well-being. Finally, after offering to be the waterboy for free, he ends up at



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Socially inept Bobby Boucher (Adam Sandler, right) is a college football team waterboy who is hired by coach Klein (Henry Winkler) to refresh the team's thirst for victory in the new movie "The Waterboy."

another Louisiana college team, the Mud Dogs, where coach Klein (Henry Winkler) allows him to fire back at anybody who teases him.

Soon, Bobby's hidden talent as a defensive linebacker is revealed and coach Klein wants him on the team.

Any time Bobby gets a little bit fired up, he turns into a fuming tackler. Knowing this, coach Klein purposely tells him his water sucks, and Bobby becomes the tackler every news channel is talking about.

The assistant coach of the Mud Dogs, Farmer Fran (Blake Clark), is another part of the movie which requires the audi-

ence to be prepared for Sandler's manuscript.

It's impossible to understand one word that comes out of Fran's mouth. With his flannel shirt and dorky cotton hat, he is somebody who has smelled too many poisonous paint fumes.

Bobby's mother is strictly against football, just like she's against girls and electricity.

To her, everything is the devil. Bobby can't do anything but drive the lawn mower to work and back.

Bobby still joins the team behind his mama's back, which also means he will have to start college. Going back to school is one of his toughest accomplish-

ments — he hasn't been in school for over 10 years.

In "The Waterboy," just like any other movie he has been in, Sandler makes fun of himself, and he does a good job.

It is lighthearted and a good movie to go to for people on the giggly side. Just like some of Sandler's earlier movies, prepare for his sometimes ridiculous jokes.

If "Happy Gilmore" wasn't a favorite, don't go. Leave "The Waterboy" for some other day, or at least be ready for what's coming. But give it a shot and get ready for some cracking up. Take a friend, head to the movie theater and have a blast.

Solo's album relies on rehashed style

By Jon Perez
Managing Editor



Mr. Solo is very close. Despite flaws, Solo is close to getting the rap game right.

As an artist for the start-up rap company Folk Records, Mr. Solo's debut album, "No Way Out," hangs on the edge of musical skill and mediocre West Coast gangsta rap.

Sadly, it falls closer to the played-out, hustlin' and bumbling 1995 West Coast style.

"Out" is an album lacking in innovation while relying on the tried-and-true form of other Bay Area rap artists.

With songs such as "What Gangstas Do," "Fo Tha Hood" and "Scarred Fo Life," the album follows in the footsteps of the Bay Area rap scene in the mid-'90s, where looped whistles, heavy bass grooves and lyrics dwelling in carrying straps (guns) and being a G was the norm.

If fitting into this genre is Mr. Solo's goal, the local artist does well. The best thing going for the album is the heavy bass lines throughout all the tracks. Car owners with boomin' systems will be satisfied with Solo's bass tendencies.

The best song on the CD is the album's title track. With a slow bass-driven beat, rough and raw lyrics, and a dose of engulfing chorus, "No Way Out" shows the potential that Solo has.

The singing and keyboard breaks match perfectly with Solo's unique lyric style and guest artists Dolla, Ink Pen and Nut.

Other notable songs on the album, "Be a Gangsta," "Life" and "All My G's," suffer from weak choruses and lyrics.

Solo isn't at his best lyrically when he says, "Gs don't die, we just multiply" in the song "Gangsta."

Those lyrics have been overplayed since 1990. All of the other songs lack any diversity and could be mistaken for any of the remaining nine songs.

The worst song is, unfortunately, the song that tries to put San Jose on the map.

"SJ to the Fullest" is Solo's attempt at making a party jam.

From the beginning chorus of "You like the way we make your body move/ You shake your booty 'cause our beats are fat/ You wanna kick it where the gangstas at," the song falls horribly.

In order to survive in the rap world, being close doesn't cut it. Solo's aces in the hole are heavy bass beats, a raw, untapped rapping style and his tight production by Folks Records.

If Solo gets past the easy way out of following a dying rap genre, he will be very close to becoming a "legit" artist.

Pulitzer winner 'Chronicles' experiences

By Adam Pavlacka
Staff Writer

With both a Pulitzer Prize and a Tony Award under her belt, playwright Wendy Wasserstein's work has already been recognized by her peers.

Wasserstein, whose works take a comedic look at women's issues, will be speaking at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the Morris Dailey Auditorium. The event is part of the Major Authors Series.

The series is an annual booking of literary artists organized by the San Jose State University

Center for Literary Arts.

According to Lavonne Simpson, events coordinator for the College of Humanities and the Arts, Wasserstein was one of four playwrights chosen.

"This is an all-playwrights season," Simpson said.

The theater arts department has scheduled productions to coincide with the visits.

"It's a great experience for students to see a play and to hear the playwright," Carmen Sigler, acting dean of the College of Humanities and the Arts, said.

"We don't tell (the artists) what to talk about," Sigler said.

"We give them an opportunity to make comments about their writing and their art."

Wasserstein's presentation on Thursday will be covering all her works, but the theater arts department will be performing "The Heidi Chronicles." The play opens at 7 p.m. Friday in the University Theater. The show is scheduled to run through Nov. 21.

David Kahn, a theater arts professor, said it was a humorous play, but stressed issues of the feminist movement.

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Collapsed lung can't stop Scott

By Julia B. Wright
Staff Writer

Before every hockey game, freshman wing Aaron Scott revs up his engine by listening to the song "Aeroplane Flies High" by the alternative rock band Smashing Pumpkins.

The song's moody lyrics, Love is a sentimental heart / life is a sentimental way / ...black wings carry me so high / up to meet you in the sky, blast through his earphones, motivating the rookie.

"I have been listening to that song since it came out in 1996, when I was playing youth hockey," Scott said.

Unfortunately, his engine gave out two days before the first game of the season for San Jose State University's hockey club.

While running to increase his stamina before the Oct. 9 game against University of California Berkeley, Scott's right lung collapsed for the second time in 10 months.

"I suddenly started feeling a sharp pain up and down the right side of my chest, so I went to Kaiser emergency to find out what was wrong," Scott said.

According to the Physicians' Desk Reference, pneumothorax occurs when air gets into the area between the lung and the chest wall.

When this happens, the lung does not fill up with air after taking a breath.

It is usually caused by a ruptured air pocket in the lung that creates a small hole, and can happen spontaneously to anyone without a known cause, according to the medical guide.

According to the reference guide, the condition is most common in young males from 20-25 years old.

"The doctor told me that it is also common in tall, skinny people," said 19-year-old Scott, who stands 5 feet 9 inches tall and was too shy to reveal his weight.

Scott described his two-week stay at the hospital as a nightmare.

"After the surgery to repair my lung, I was connected to the wall by a chest tube for two weeks and couldn't even get out of bed," Scott said. "It was hell. I hated it."

Because it wasn't the first time Scott's lung collapsed, he made the teams' ath-

letic trainer aware of his condition.

"He came to me at the first practice and told me his lung collapsed about 10 months ago," said Macie Mileham, a student athletic trainer for the hockey club. "I was keeping an eye on his condition until it happened again."

The likely reason it collapsed a second time, Scott said, was because his lung was not surgically repaired the first time he was hospitalized.

After the proper operation, Scott was reassured by his doctor that another occurrence would be unlikely and he was given clearance to play again.

"He is getting stronger every day," Mileham said. "We are going through endurance training to get him back in shape."

To build strength, Mileham guides him through a series of midsection stretches, jogging, quick sprints and game simulations on the ice.

"If Aaron continues to progress like he has been, he will be just as awesome as he was before," Mileham said.

Prior to playing for the Spartans this season, Scott said he was the leading scorer for the past three years in Oakland's youth hockey league.

Scott said he has played in youth hockey leagues all over Northern California since he was 7 years old.

"I've played in Dublin, Stockton, Redwood City, San Jose and most recently in Oakland, where the team went to the state championships last year and lost in double overtime," he said.

Scott's experience and skill have not gone unnoticed by the Spartans' head coach, Ron Glasow.

"Of the seven new freshman on the team, Aaron is the most talented," Glasow said. "He is creative with the puck, makes nice passes and knows how to get the puck in the net."

Scott is expected to be a top scorer and a major driving force on the team, Glasow said. Scott met the coach's expectations in his first game of the season Oct. 30 against Palmer College West. He provided the assist for Scott Mittleman's goal.

"His speed was hurting a little, but he stepped up to the challenge and gave a nice performance overall," Glasow said.

Mittleman, who is in his fourth season on the team, said Scott is a consistent



Chris Prevolos/Spartan Daily

Aaron Scott, a Spartan hockey player, suffered a collapsed lung while exercising earlier this semester. After undergoing surgery, a two-week hospitalization and another two weeks of rehabilitation, Scott has returned to play as a right wing.

offensive threat.

"I noticed right away in tryouts that Scott had the ability and potential to be a key player on the team," Mittleman said.

According to Mittleman, the team rallied around Scott while he was recovering, giving him the necessary moral support to come back and play.

"Most teammates would have just for-

gotten about him after the injury because he is a rookie," Mittleman said. "But we visited him several times in the hospital, so he would know we wanted him back."

Mittleman pointed out that it was the team's support that really boosted his self-esteem.

Scott said he was eager to get back on the ice, but nervous about getting hurt.

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— Aaron Scott
SJSU hockey player

Sports Weekly

A guide to upcoming SJSU and professional sporting events in the area.

Football

SJSU v. San Diego State
1 p.m. Saturday
Spartan Stadium

Hockey

SJSU v. Weber State
7:30 p.m. Friday
The Ice Centre of San Jose

Sharks v. Nashville (NHL)
7:30 p.m. today
San Jose Arena

Sharks v. Carolina (NHL)
7:30 p.m. Thursday
San Jose Arena

Women's Basketball

SJSU v. Alvik (Exhibition)
7 p.m. today
Event Center

SJSU v. Cal Poly SLO
7 p.m. Friday
Event Center

Lasers v. Nashville (ABL)
7:30 p.m. Thursday
Event Center

Lasers v. Seattle (ABL)
6 p.m. Sunday
San Jose Arena

UConn v. Duke*
6 p.m. Friday
Stanford v. Arkansas*
Following UConn-Duke game

Consolation game*
1:30 p.m. Saturday

Championship game*
4 p.m. Saturday

* Four in the Fall Tournament at San Jose Arena



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Spartan Shorts

Men's soccer

With a 1-0 victory over non-conference opponent University of San Francisco on Sunday, the Spartans (14-4-1) re-entered the National Soccer Coaches Association of America rankings at No. 24.

Anders Bergeson scored the lone goal for San Jose State University at 57:01 on a penalty kick. The opportunity was created when Eduardo Martinez was held in the penalty box by USF defender Brandon Jensen. Bergeson's shot got by USF keeper Zack Vaughn untouched.

The victory sent the Spartans into the Western Athletic

Conference playoffs on a winning note. As the No. 4 seed, SJSU will square off with the University of Tulsa on Thursday in Fresno. The winner of that match will take on No. 1 seed Southern Methodist University. The championship game will be on Sunday at 2 p.m.

Women's Soccer

San Diego State University beat Brigham Young University 2-1 in sudden death overtime to capture the WAC Championship on Saturday.

Spartan Shorts were compiled by Jeremiah Oshan.

Tyson to announce return to ring

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Mike Tyson is expected to make his return to the ring official next week.

A news conference has been tentatively set in New York for Tyson to announce he will fight on Jan. 16 at the MGM Grand Hotel in Las Vegas.

The opponent still hasn't been signed, but South Africa's Francois Botha remains the front-runner. Tyson adviser Shelly Finkel said he expects to hold a news conference next Tuesday in New York to formally announce the latest comeback by the former heavyweight

champion. Tyson, who won his boxing license back last month from Nevada boxing authorities, will make millions once again in what will be his first fight in 20 months. His license was taken away for biting Evander Holyfield's ears in his last bout.

Tyson needs the money, despite having made more than \$100 million in the ring since getting out of prison in 1995. He is in financial trouble and the IRS has a \$13 million lien on his property for failing to pay taxes.

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